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**PARENT SERIAL NO.:** 10/563,528      **EXAMIN:** Brian W. JENNISON  
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**TITLE:** SPOT WELDING TONGS FOR ROBOTIC APPLICATIONS IN  
RESISTANCE WELDING OR WORKPIECES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

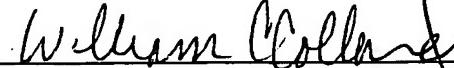
SU 1206 038 was discussed in the original specification on page 2, which reads: SU 1 206 038 discloses spot welding tongs in which the winding means for the electrode protection strip is fastened to the tong arm and carried at an angle of about 45 degrees relative to the electrode. That arrangement requires an especially large space, for which reason those spot welding tongs are merely suitable for welding flat workpieces. Their use in the automated sector and, in particular, with welding robots is feasible only to a limited extend. As can be seen from FIG. 1 of this document, it will not be possible to weld workpieces with complex design, since the accessibility is effected by the electrode protection strips. Furthermore, the construction of the spot welding tong according to the SU 1 206 038 A differs from the construction of the spot welding tong according to the present application.

Since the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the issuance of an Office Action, no official fee is required in connection with the same.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered and placed into the application file.

Respectfully submitted,

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